Declaration of Karlapat Forest as 'Sanctuary' in Orissa

5577. SHRI BASANT KUMAR DAS: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state;

(a) whether any decision or proposal was made by the Government of Orissa to declare Karlapat forests as sanctuary in Kalahandi district in Orissa; and

(b) if so, what is the progress achieved so far and whether any assistance from Central Government has been provided for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) Karlapat forests in Kalahandi District, Orissa has already been declared as a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1992.

(b) As the administrative control of the Sanctuary has not been transferred to the Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa, the Central Government has not been approached for assistance.

प्रतिबंधित खानों में अवैध कार्य

5578. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव :**
चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :
क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि प्रदूषण को रोकने हेतु प्रतिबंधित खानों में अब भी अवैध कार्य जारी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ऐसी खानों का राज्य-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) और (ख) प्रदूषण नियंत्रण के आधार पर प्रतिबंधित/निषिद्ध खानों में इस तरह के किन्हीं अवैध कार्यों की रिपोर्ट नहीं मिली है जिन पर केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा कार्रवाई करनी अपेक्षित है ।

(ग) केन्द्र सरकार ने पर्यावरण (संरक्षण) अधिनियम, 1986 तथा खान एवं खनिज (नियमन और विकास) अधिनियम, 1957 के तहत नियामक कानून और अधिसूचनायें तैयार की हैं जिनके द्वारा अनधिकृत खनन के लिये राज्य सरकारों को अधिक व्यापक अधिकार दिये गये हैं ।

Clearance of Pending projects

5579. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposals for setting up of power Projects in various parts of the country are pending with the Environmental Committee for enviromnmental clearance;

(b) if so, since when these projects are lying pending for clearance; and

(c) at what stage of consideration and by when these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) (a) to (c) A statement showing the details of the pending projects is appended. (*See* below)

Projects can be assessed and processed only after receipt of complete data and action plans. Projects submitted with complete details are decided within three months for environmental clearance. Coninuous interaction is maintained with the concerned Governments and the project authorities to facllitate expeditious disposal of cases.